FROM JOHN PATTERSON

DATE 3/15/80

TO

Chris Kline
Jerry Heep
Pete Haasen
Brady McMurtrey
Gordon Thompson

You guys did an outstanding job!

Congratulations —

John

C. John Roach

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TO: Green Thumb Coordinating Committee

FROM: J. L. Ragland
Associate Dean for Extension

SUBJECT: Bullseye on the March 3 Target!

As many of you know, the system went into full operation 6:00 a. m. Monday, March 3. I have not had enough feedback from users to be certain of anything but my impressions are that everything is working better than 90%. The problems we are having seem minor and should respond to some fine-tuning.

Going from the concept through system design, equipment and software design and procurement in 17 months may not be a record but it is much better than what happens in most projects. This success would not have been possible except for a lot of extra effort on your parts and those of Grumman, Western Union, Motorola and Tandy. Thank you very much for the many contributions you made.

We have over 100 screens of information on the system and more being added each day. Our next big job is to increase the timelessness of the information and improve the format and readability, in some cases. Right now only the Weather Center is using graphics to present some of its information. My prejudice is that the viewer will prefer this format and that more departments should begin experimenting with it.

All things considered, you can see that I am extremely pleased with the project and I thank you for making it so.

cc: Tom Conway, Grumman
Mike Demcsak, Western Union
Ralph Lehman, Western Union
John Patterson, Tandy
Jim Reed, Motorola
Bill Rizzardi, Grumman
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